RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER APR 0 5 2004

# KOS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. OFFICIAL

# Facsimile Transmission

Monday, April 05, 2004

To:

Examiner James M. Spear

Fax:

571.273.0605

From:

Jared G. Silberhorn

Voice:

FROM-KOS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

305.523.3663

Fax:

305.377.4076

Re:

US Patent App. No. 08/960,557

Total Pages Incl. Cover: 4

Dear Examiner Spear,

Per your conference with Karen Messick, enclosed herewith please find a copy of the Terminal Disclaimer in connection with the above-referenced patent application that is to be mailed out today.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Jared Silberhorn Paralegal

The information contained in this facsimile message is attorney privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copy of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone. Thank you.

### PATENTS

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In te Application of:

CEFALL EUGENIO

Serial No.:

08/960,577

Filing Date: Docket Number: 13 October 1997 50454-56103USCIP

Title:

METHODS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WITH

INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID

COMPOSITIONS HAVING UNIQUE

BIOPHARMACEUTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

## COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

FROM-KOS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Şir:

Enclosed for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

- Terminal Disclaimer, and 1.
- 2. Return Postcard.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with these documents. However, please charge our Deposit Account 50-2543 any necessary fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Messick, Esq.

Reg. No. 46,256

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that the this correspondence and the enclosures referenced herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express

Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on 4/5/054
1450 ALEXALDERIA, VA 27313-1450. and is addressed to Commissioner by Mitents, P.O. Box

EL 930 577 882 US

"Express Mail Label No."

#### PATENTS

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Serial No.: Filing Date: CEFALI, EUGENIO 08/960,577 13 October 1997 50454-56103USCIP

Docker Number: Title:

METHODS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WITH

INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID COMPOSITIONS HAVING UNIQUE BIOPHARMACEUTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

# TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Sir:

This is in response to a Conference with the examiner on 29 March 2004.

I, Karen J. Messick, Esq., Registration Number 46,256 declare that I am an attorney of record in this application and that I am authorized to execute a terminal disclaimer in behalf for Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Kos).

That Kos is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under U.S. Patent Application Sexial Number 08/960,577, filed 13 October 1997 ("the above-captioned application") by virtue of assignment from the inventor, recorded on 16 March 1998 on Reel 9035, Frame 0157;

That Kos is the assignce of the entire right, title and interest to and under U.S. Patent Number 6,676,967B1, issued 13 January 2004 from U.S. Application Number 08/962,422, filed 13 October 1997 by virtue of assignment from the inventor to Kos which was recorded on 6 April 1998 on Reel 9106, Frame 0355;

That Kos hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent 6,676,967B1, including any extension thereof; and

That Kos hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-captioned application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent Number 6,676,967B1, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-captioned application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

No terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned application is disclaimed prior to the full statutory term (including any extension thereof) of U.S. Patent Number 6,676,967B1 in the event that said patent earlier

expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(a), has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to expiration of its full statutory term (including any extension thereof), except for the separation of legal title stated above.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §3.73, the undersigned states that evidentiary documents evidencing the chain of titles from the original owners to the assignee have been reviewed and certifies that, to the best of her knowledge and belief, titles are in the assignce seeking to take the action.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made in information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine of imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that no double patenting rejection be issued.

Moreover, in view of the instant Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections and objections to the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

> n Messick, Esq. Refistration No. 46,256

full submitted,

Attorney for Applicants

Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 1001 Brickell Bay Drive 25th Floor

Miami, FL 33131

Tel.: 305.523.3643

Fax: 305.377.4076

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that the this correspondence and the enclosures referenced herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express 415/04

Mail Post Office to Addressed Service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on 1450 ALTIALIDEIA, VA 22313-14522

EL 930 577 882 US

"Express Mail Label No."

Jared G. Silberhorn